

RESTORING KANAZI PALACE

DISCOVERING HIDDEN HISTORIES

PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR PETER SCHMIDT

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This talk explores issues surrounding the restoration of an early 19th century palace in Kagera Region, built by the German colonial government for King Kahigi of Kihanja kingdom. The architectural history of the three main buildings will be explored along with the history of the five kings who have resided in the palace compound since its construction in 1905. This is an illustrated slide lecture.

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Peter Schmidt is Professor of Anthropology and African Studies as well as former Director of the Center for African Studies at the University of Florida. He has held academic posts at Brown University, Makerere University (Uganda), the University of Dar es Salaam, the University of Asmara (Eritrea), and the University of California at Berkeley. He has conducted research in Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Gabon, and Eritrea, first starting his field work in oral traditions and archaeology in 1969. He is the author of 8 books and more than 100 articles, chapters, monographs, and films in historical archaeology, African archaeology, ethnoarchaeology, heritage management, and human rights. He has helped to create new departments of archaeology at the University of Dar es Salaam (1985-87) and the University of Asmara (1998-1999), where he has also served as Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences and Chief Curator of Archaeology in the National Museum of Eritrea. He has also engaged in the development of human rights education in Africa, having led a project to create a new Human Rights and Peace Center at Makerere University during the 1990s. His most recent book is *Postcolonial Archaeologies in Africa* (SAR Press, 2009). *The Archaeology of Ancient Eritrea* (ed. with M. Curtis and Z. Teka; Red Sea Press, 2008) won the Best Book Prize for African Archaeology (2006-2008) in 2008 at Frankfurt, Germany. He is currently conducting research in Kagera Region on Social Memory and the Buhaya Landscape.